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SUBJECT: UCR PLENUM WARNS OF TOTALITARIAN ADVANCES

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1. THE PLENUM OF THE UCR NATIONAL COMMITTEE MET MAY 2 AND 3 TO DRAW UP A PLAN OF ACTION IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE RECENTLY HELD NATIONAL CONVENTION (SEE REFTEL). THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE PLENUM WAS EVEN HARSHER THAN EXPECTED VIS-A-VIS THE GOVERNMENT. THE PLENUM CONCLUDED ITS DELIBERATIONS WITH A CALL "TO ALL POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL FORCES, INCLUDING THE ARMED FORCES, TO DEFEND THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ADVANCES..."

2. THE UCR AGAIN CHARGED THE FEDERAL INTERVENTOR IN CORDOBA, RAUL LACABANNE, WITH ESTABLISHING A FASCIST REGIME, AND UCR SENATE BLOC LEADER CARLOS PERETTE REPEATED CHARGES THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PERMITTING RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS TO OPERATE WITH COMPLETE IMPUNITY.

3. RAUL ALFONSIN MADE THE MOST POINTED DECLARATION OF THE DAY, DECLARINGC "THE CONVENTION HAS DEFINITELY BROKEN THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.... THE UCR HAS

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CONVERTED ITSELF INTO THE CIVILIAN ALTERNATIVE."

4. THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT SURPRISING, COMING FROM ALFONSIN, WHO HAS ALWAYS OPPOSED BALBIN'S POLICY OF COOPERATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT. ON THIS OCCASION, HOWEVER, BALBIN DID NOT CONTRADICT ALFONSIN; RATHER, HE CONFIRMED WHAT HE HAD SAID BY REFERRING TO THIS "NEW POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES" TO WHICH THE UCR WAS RESPONDING.

5. COMMENT: CLEARLY, THE HONEYMOON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UCR IS OVER.

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